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On Feb 16, 2016, at 8:13 PM, Mears, Mary < Mears. Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Feb 16, 2016, at 6:05 PM, Mears, Mary < Mears. Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

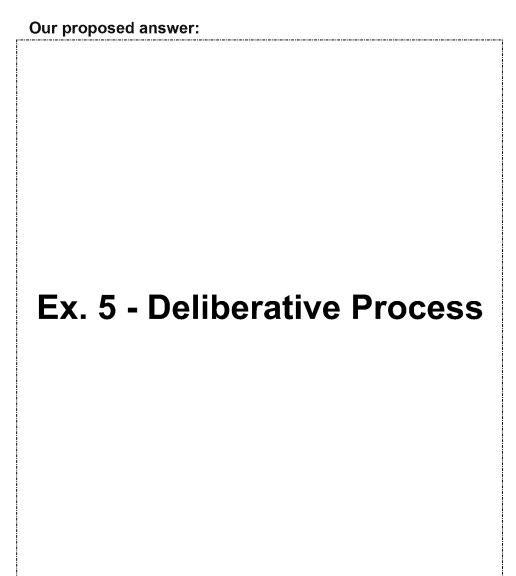
I have not yet heard what the AP's deadline is, but hopefully we can get back to her tomorrow.

## First the inquiry from Mary Esch of AP: Hi Mary,

I saw an article in InsideEPA that quoted Region 2's Walter Mugdan as saying the region is looking to identify other areas with similar drinking water contamination. Can you give me more info about that? Has EPA identified sites where PFOA was used, and is it testing drinking water in those areas?

Could such efforts be expanded by EPA beyond Region 2? This is something Environmental Working Group and others are calling for: to have EPA demand that the companies that agreed to phase out PFOA disclose locations where the chemical was used, sold to other manufacturers or disposed of, so that water in those areas can be tested.

Thanks, Mary



Mary Mears

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